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BIE EYEWISE



The month of October has been designated as "Sight Saving Month" by the D. C. Society for the Prevention of Blindness. During this period, every effort will be made to emphasize eye health. In this connection, the Department is most anxious to cooperate and has arranged a special meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 1:30 P.M. in the Jefferson Memorial Auditorium (South Building) for interested employees.

This program will include an exhibit in the foyer of the auditorium the showing of the film "Eyes For Tomorrow", and a short talk on the cause of eye strain and other eye injuries.

Employees interested in attending this meeting are invited.

OUR PLEA FOR FCA

Farm Credit Administration finished the move of its employees from Kansas City to Washington on Sept. 1. The move started on April 1, but only about half of the personnel have secured satisfactory housing accommodations. Many of the single men and women and the married couples without children are still living in rooming houses and hotels, waiting patiently and smilingly for the happy day when apartments again become available... But some 40 couples with 1, 2 and 3 children ranging in age from 2 weeks to 18 years urgently need to rent apartments or houses because they cannot afford to buy homes. The housing shortage has forced some husbands to leave their families behind in Kansas City while others have had to park their children with relatives all the way from Georgia to Montana. If you can, please do your good deed today by passing along word of any vacant apartments or houses to Paul L. Rapp, who can be reached by dialing 0 (operator), and asking for the Arlington Hotel.

October 6 - 12 is Fire Prevention Week. This is held on the anniversary of the date when Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over the lantern which started the great Chicago fire.

USDA CHORAL GUILD MEETS

The Department of Agriculture Choral Guild, under the direction of Dr. Walter Bauer, had its first meeting for the year 1946 - 1947 on Friday, September 6th. An interesting program is being planned for the coming year and anyone who enjoys singing is invited to join. Sopranos, tenors, altos and basses are all needed, so come out next Friday at 5:45 P.M. to the Auditorium and help us decide what music we want to use. A mixed quartet of the group has been asked to sing on September 28 for the Tobacco Festival at LaPlata, Maryland. If there are enough interested, perhaps an octet could be arranged for the occasion.

THE MISSING CRUST

Of course you miss the two-crust pies. We wish we could serve them. But the Department of Agriculture is sponsoring a food conservation program under which the output of millers and bakers is restricted. Our relation to the Department is such that we simply cannot depart from the principle which it endorses. For the time being, therefore, please continue to eat your open-face pie with patriotic fervor, resting in the hope that some day you will again be able to bite into the two-crust variety.

SAFETY HINTS

It takes 1500 nuts to hold an automobile together, but only one to scatter it all over the landscape.

ELEVATOR SERVICE

Public Buildings Administration has recently installed signs in elevator lobbies describing the hours that the elevators in that spot are in operation. In addition, signs have been installed on the walls at the north end of each corridor in the South Building indicating the location of those elevators which operate after 5:45 P.M. and on Sat., Sun. and Holidays.

Attention is called to the fact that the elevators located in the center of the 7th Wing, South Building, are now being operated after having been out of service for some time. In addition, one elevator at the south end of Wing 7 will be operated each evening until 6 P.M. This will provide elevator service between 5:45 P.M. and 6 P.M. for those employees located on the south side of the building.

The following elevators start operating at 8 A.M. each morning for the benefit of the early arrivals:

North end and south end, Wing 1,
North end and south end, Wing 4,
North end and south end, Wing 5,
North end and south end, Wing 7,
of the South Building and north entrance of the Administration Building.

HAY FEVER

These are the days when hay fever takes its highest toll among three million Americans. Of these autumnal cases, the USDA says 90% are caused by the wind-borne pollen of ragweed.

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AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS

The U. S. Department of Agriculture Post No. 36 of the American Legion at its meeting on August 9, 1946, elected their officers for the next year. The installation services will be held Friday, September 13, 1946, at the American Legion Club House. Employees of USDA are invited.

STATE SOCIETY AFFAIRS

The various State Societies are all very busy this month planning their many interesting social activities for this Fall. We have listed below the events for which dates have already been set. There are many more in the offing - and we will see to it that you hear about them thru a later issue. For general information concerning the State Societies, call Walsh Center, Hobart 8132.

North Carolina - Sept. 21, Party, Shoreham Hotel
Minnesota and North Dakota - Oct. 11 Dance, Wardman Park Hotel
North Dakota and South Dakota - Dec. 13, Dance, Wardman Park Hotel
Missouri - Oct. 12, Nov. 16, & Dec. 14, Dances, Shoreham Hotel
Pennsylvania - Oct. 8, Nov. 12, & Dec. 3, Dances, Shoreham Hotel
West Virginia - Sept. 28, Nov. 2, & Dec. 21, Dances, Shoreham Hotel
Utah - Oct. 19, Dance, Shoreham Hotel
Vermont - Nov. 20, Meeting, Washington Club, 17th & K Streets, N. W.
Iowa - Sept. 28, Oct. 26 & Nov. 23, Dances, Shoreham Hotel
Oregon - Oct. 1, Nov. 5, & Dec. 3, Open House at 1832 16th St., N.W.

BENEFIT BASEBALL GAME

On Wed., Sept. 18, at 8 P.M., the Jr. Championship game will be played at Griffith's Stadium. Adm. fee is \$1. Tickets may be purchased at the gate. Proceeds go to Widow of Patrolman Downs.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual medal play tournament of the Federal Golf Association will be held at the Bannockburn Golf Club on Wednesday and Thursday, September 25 and 26, 1946. The twenty low gross scores will compete an additional 18 holes on Saturday, Sept. 28 for the individual Federal government championship. Except for those twenty low scorers, all other competition will be held at 18 holes medal play with prizes for the winners.

The tournament is open to all members of the Association and to all those eligible who wish to become members, generally employees of the Federal or District governments and members of the armed forces. The Association was incorporated last year as a non-profit association of the District of Columbia.

The Bannockburn Golf Club is located a short distance past and across the road from Glen Echo Park, and can be reached by bus and street-car.

Mr. Dennis Hevener, Ext. 2916, Room 5702, South Building, is Agriculture's representative in the Association. He will be glad to furnish interested employees with additional information. Please contact him to make your entry before 5:30 P.M., Wednesday, September 18.

A WORD TO THE UNWISE

Drive like hell and you'll get there.

WANT RIDES

Nola Hudgens, Ext. 4383, 27th & Pa. Ave., S.E.

Pat Johnson, Ext. 4801, 4014 Kansas Ave., N.W.

Phyllis Parr, Ext. 5242, 305 Duncan Ave., Alexandria, Va.

Howard P. Barss, Philadelphia Ave. & Takoma Ave., Takoma Park, Md.

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Mrs. Kent, Ext. 3773, Kenmore St. & Pershing Drive, Arlington, Va.

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WANT RIDERS

Mary Jones, Ext. 3000, 18th & Mich. Ave., N.E.

Lawrence S. DeCoursey, Ext. 3396, 20th & Quincy Sts., N.E.

PRESIDENT'S CUP REGATTA

One of the outstanding events this Fall is the President's Cup Regatta, at which a record spectator-attendance of one-half million is expected this year. This will be the 15th annual race - and the first since the war began.

Spectators can view the events along the Potomac and around the course at Hains Point.

Sept. 22 - Finals for the Gold Cup which will be presented later to the winner at the White House by President Truman. (One of the great favorites in the Finals will be Guy Lombardo's boat.)